(e) if not, when they are likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) There was a target to commission 41 new telephone exchanges in Himachal Pradesh during 1993-94.

(b) 40 new telephone exchanges were commissioned out of this target.

(c) No, Sir. As per policy of Department, new telephone Exchange is planned to be opened at a place when registered paid demand reaches 10 or more and no such demand is existing in these places.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) There is a proposal to set up a new telephone exchange at Gander during 1995-96. This exchange will serve Bardam, Bandahu and Paplah Gram Panchayats. However, some villages of Sakoh Panchayat have already been provided telephone connections from the existing exchange at Alampur.

.. Formation of MTNL for Metro .. Cities

61. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to convert the existing telecom circles in metro politan cities such as Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore on the lines of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited soon;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard;

(c) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(d) whether the MTNL for other metropolitan cities would be formed during the Eighth Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Working of Tac and Pac for Assam Circle

62. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and address of the present members of the Telecom Advisory Committee (TAC) as well as Postal Advisory Committee (PAC) for Assam circle stating the respective interests represented ith the respective telephone numbers provided to them as TAC members alongwith the dates of installation of these telephones;

(b) what is the tenure of the current TAC and PAC as in (a) above;

(c) the details of meeting(s) held so far by the said TAC and PAC, if any, meeting-wise details alongwith the recommendations made by them and those implemented by the Government, member-wise details; and

(d) the details of the amounts of Travelling Allowance and the Daily Allowance paid to each of the said TAC and PAC members so far during their current tenure member-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM: (a) Sir, the required information in respect of the names of Assam Tele phone Advisory ommittee members, the interests they represent and their telephone numbers are given in the enclosed Statement I. (*See below*).